

REMARKS


Preliminary to examination of this application, Applicant amends claims 1, 5 and 7 to remove multiple dependencies, to provide proper antecedent basis, and to address other matters of form. The foregoing amendments are not related to issues of patentability, and introduce no new matter.

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the amendments to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5 and 7 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A pack of barriers for use in relation to an eye contacting optical testing apparatus, comprising a first backing sheet on which are removably attached a plurality of barriers of substantially transparent film each having dimensions comparable to those of the eye-contacting surface of ~~the~~ a head of a probe of the optical testing apparatus, the surface of the substantially transparent material adjacent the first backing sheet being sterile and the alternative surface of the substantially transparent film being provided with a peelable adhesive, and a second backing sheet to which the plurality of barriers and the first backing sheet are adhered by ~~means of~~ the peelable adhesive.

5. (Twice Amended) A pack of barriers as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein the first backing sheet is provided with weakened lines to enable a portion of backing sheet surrounding one or more barriers to be removed by tearing of the backing sheet along the weakened lines.

7. (Twice Amended) A pack as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ claim 1 wherein each barrier is provided with one or more tabs for easy removal of the barrier.